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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 August 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. The amendment filed 8/14/2006 has been placed of record in the file.
2. Claims 1-13 have been canceled.
3. Claims 14-17 have been added.
4. Claims 14-17 are now pending.
5. The applicant's arguments with respect to claims 14-17 have been considered but are moot in view of the following new grounds of rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Powers (U.S. Patent Number 6,446,115).

8. Powers has disclosed:

- <Claim 14>

A document transmission apparatus, comprising: a display section which displays additional information including registration numbers, titles and texts (figure 3A, items 30, 31); and a selection input section which selects a registration number from said displayed registration numbers (figure 3A, items 32-36 and column 18, lines 41-56);

wherein transmittal letter information corresponding to said selected registration number is displayed, and correspondence between said registration numbers and said transmittal letter information is indicated by a tag embedded in each registration number (figure 3B, items 44, 45 and column 12, lines 25-43).

- <Claim 15>

A recording medium on which a program for a document transmission apparatus which includes a display section which displays additional information including registration numbers, titles and texts (figure 3A, items 30, 31), and a selection input section which selects a registration number from said displayed registration numbers (figure 3A, items 32-36 and column 18, lines 41-56), the program causing said document transmission apparatus to: display transmittal letter information corresponding to said selected registration number, wherein correspondence between said registration numbers and said transmittal letter information is indicated by a tag embedded in each registration number (figure 3B, items 44, 45 and column 12, lines 25-43).

- <Claim 16>

A method of displaying transmittal letter information, the method comprising: embedding a tag in each of a plurality of registration numbers stored in an additional information storage section (column 7, lines 48-65); displaying a list of additional information including registration numbers, titles and texts (figure 3A, items 30, 31); selecting a registration number from said displayed registration numbers (figure 3A, items 32-36 and column 18, lines 41-56); and displaying transmittal letter information corresponding to said selected registration number (figure 3B, items 44, 45 and column 12, lines 25-43).

- <Claim 17>

The method of claim 16, wherein said tag embedded in each of said plurality of registration numbers indicates a correspondence between said plurality of registration numbers and said transmittal letter information (column 12, lines 25-43).

Since all the limitations of the invention as set forth in claims 14-17 were disclosed by Powers, claims 14-17 are rejected.

***Conclusion***

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure.

- Haran (U.S. Patent Number 6,072,461) disclosed a system for facilitating document generation so that faxes to be transmitted can be scanned into a computer.
- Hiroki et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,594,032) disclosed a system that includes a facsimile apparatus and an email server wherein a user can transmit emails that contain facsimile images.

10. The applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection presented in this office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). The applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor Lesniewski whose telephone number is 571-272-3987.

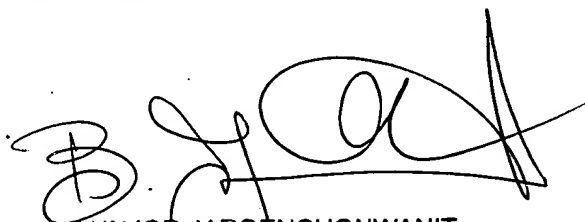
The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571-272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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